(182)

UNITED
NATIONS

E

Economic and Social Council

Distr.
LIMITED

E/CN.4/1990/L.109
12 March 1990

Original: ENGLISH

COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS
Forty-sixth session
Agenda item 3

Administrative and programme budget implications of the draft resolution contained in document E/CN.4/1990/L.78

Statement submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 28 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council

Organization of the work of the forty-seventh session

A. Request contained in the draft resolution

1. By decision 1990/..., the Commission on Human Rights decided (a) to recommend to the Economic and Social Council that it authorize, if possible within existing financial resources, 30 fully serviced additional meetings, including summary records, in accordance with rules 29 and 31 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council, for the Commission's forty-seventh session and (b) to request the Chairman of the Commission at its forty-seventh session to make every effort to organize the work of the session within the normal allotted time, the additional meetings that the Economic and Social Council might authorize to be utilized only if such meetings proved to be absolutely necessary.

B. Relationship of request to proposed programme of work

2. As a programme element in the programme of work proposed for 1990-1991 in the programme budget, the activities referred to above would fall under "Executive direction and management".

3. The following programme element of Section 23 (Human Rights) of the programme budget for the biennium 1990-1991 is directly affected by the activities referred to in the resolution:

Programme element 3.3 - World human rights campaign and external relations

Output: (i) Substantive servicing of two sessions of the Commission on Human Rights

C. Modifications required in the proposed programme of work

4. No modification in the programme of work for 1990-1991 would be required since the activity appears under programme element 3.3.

E. Additional requirements at full cost

5. Subject to the recommendation of the Committee on Conferences the related cost for 30 fully serviced additional meetings, including summary records, during the forty-seventh session under Section 29 B (Conference Services Division, Geneva), calculated on a full cost basis is estimated at $436,700 as follows:

	1991 (US dollars)
I. Meeting servicing (30 meetings: A,C,E,F,R,S)	185 200
II. In-session documentation (75 pages, 18 documents: A,C,E,F,R,S)	69 300
III. Summary records (30 meetings: E,F,S)	182 200
Total	436 700

6. There would be no additional costs arising under Section 23 (Human Rights) from the substantive servicing of the additional meetings.

E. Potential for absorption

Conference-servicing costs

7. With regard to the estimates of conference-servicing costs indicated in paragraph 6 of section E above, these cost estimates are based on the theoretical assumption that no part of the conference-servicing requirements would be met from within the permanent conference-servicing capacity under section 29 of the programme budget, and that additional resources would be required for temporary assistance for meetings. The extent to which the Organization's permanent capacity needs to be supplemented by temporary assistance resources can only be determined in the light of the calendar of conferences for 1990-1991. However, as indicated in paragraph 29.5 of the

programme budget, the 1990-1991 level of resources for temporary assistance for meetings were estimated on the basis of previous experience to accommodate not only meetings which are programmed, but also additional meetings. In other words, provision was made in the programme budget not only for meetings known at the time of budget preparation but also for meetings that would be authorized subsequently, provided that the number and distribution of meetings and conferences in the biennium 1990-1991 is consistent with the pattern of meetings in past years. On that basis, it is estimated that no additional resources would be required under section 29 of the programme budget for the biennium 1990-1991 as a result of the adoption of the draft resolution.

READEX FICHE